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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 35, 49, and 50 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

21. (Currently Amended) A firearm magazine with loading status indicator, the magazine comprising:

a housing for storing bullets in a stacked configuration, with an opening for receiving the bullets,

a follower for supporting the bullets within the housing, movable along the housing and resiliently pressing towards the opening, so that at any time, when there exist at least one bullet within the housing it is presented at the opening, ready to be discharged;

an indicator comprising a prominence ~~cooperating with~~ connected to the follower, for indicating one of two indication states, in which in one indication state the prominence protrudes outside a bottom wall of the housing and in another indication state the prominence does not protrude outside the bottom wall of the housing, wherein one of the indication states corresponds to a state where the magazine is in a full condition, that is when it is filled with bullets up to a maximal capacity, and another indication state corresponding to a state where at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition.

22. (Currently Amended) The magazine of claim 21, wherein a bore is provided on [[a]] the bottom wall of the magazine through which the prominence protrudes in one of the indication states.

23. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 22, wherein the prominence is integrated with the follower.

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24. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 23, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated in the indicator.

25. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a spring.

26. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin with a resilient structure.

27. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin made of elastic material.

28. (Currently Amended) The magazine of claim 21, wherein ~~the follower comprises the~~ prominence is located on a bottom surface of the follower, wherein a bore is provided on ~~[[a]]~~ the bottom wall of the magazine through which the prominence protrudes in one of the indication states, and wherein the prominence is hidden inside the housing at all times except when the magazine is in the full condition, filled with bullets up to the maximal capacity.

29. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 28, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated in the prominence.

30. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 29, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a spring.

31. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 29, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin with a resilient structure.

32. (Currently Amended) The magazine of claim 21, wherein ~~the prominence cooperates with the follower, so that~~ when the magazine is in full condition the prominence protrudes

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outside a bore in the bottom wall of the housing, and when at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition the prominence does not protrude.

33. (Currently Amended) The magazine of claim 32, wherein the bore is located on [[a]] the bottom surface of the housing.

34. (Currently Amended) The magazine of claim 21, wherein ~~the prominence cooperates with the follower, so that~~ when the magazine is in full condition the prominence does not protrude outside a bore in the housing, and when at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition the prominence protrudes outside the bore.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the prominence is linked to follower.

37. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 36, wherein the prominence is replaceable.

38. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the prominence is provided on an end of a resilient lever pivotally attached to the housing, cooperating with the follower.

39. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 38, wherein a second prominence is provided on another end of the resilient lever, so that when one prominence protrudes through the bore the second prominence is retracted, and when the one prominence is retracted the second prominence protrudes through a second bore at the housing.

40. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each prominence is colored distinctly.

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41. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each prominence is distinctly shaped.

42. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each prominence has a different protrusion length.

43. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the indicator comprises a floating member.

44. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 43, wherein the floating member is resiliently supported.

45. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated in the indicator.

46. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a spring.

47. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin with a resilient structure.

48. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin made of elastic material.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Previously Presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the indicator comprises a plurality of indicators.